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In re Application of :
Ceulemans et al. : DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 09/744,267 :
Filed: 22 January, 2001 :
Attorney Docket Number: CM1882 :

This is a decision in reference to the papers filed on 9 May, 2007, which are treated as a renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b),¹ filed on 9 May, 2007, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned on 28 November, 2004, for failure to timely file a response in reply to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences Decision mailed on 28 September, 2004, affirming the examiner's rejection. Notice of Abandonment was

¹ Effective December 1, 1997, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) now provide that where the delay in reply was unintentional, a petition may be filed to revive an abandoned application or a lapsed patent pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b). A grantable petition filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

(1) the required reply, unless previously filed. In a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may be met by the filing of a continuing application. In a nonprovisional application filed on or after June 8, 1995, and abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may also be met by the filing of a request for continued examination in compliance with § 1.114. In an application or patent, abandoned or lapsed for failure to pay the issue fee or any portion thereof, the required reply must be the payment of the issue fee or any outstanding balance thereof. In an application abandoned for failure to pay the publication fee, the required reply must include payment of the publication fee.

(2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m);

(3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional; and

(4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(c)).

mailed on 4 January, 2005. The petition filed on 24 February, 2006, was dismissed on 9 March, 2007.

Petitioners have filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and an amendment as the submission required under 37 CFR 1.114, as the required reply.

The application is forwarded to Technology Center Art Unit 1751 for further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3231.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Wood", is written above the printed name.

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